

## Assembly Bill No. 2536

### CHAPTER 479

An act relating to crime prevention, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2536, Scott. Crime prevention.

Existing law establishes various crime prevention programs.

This bill would require the Department of Justice to produce public service announcements in both English and Spanish regarding recent changes in firearm laws, and a gun owner's responsibilities regarding safe storage of a firearm, as specified. This bill would also appropriate \$125,000 from the General Fund for purposes of the bill.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Appropriation: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Department of Justice shall do all of the following:

(a) Produce public service announcements in both English and Spanish to inform the public on:

(1) Changes in firearms laws and how to obtain more information on current laws.

(2) A gun owner's responsibilities for the safe storage of a firearm as included in the Department of Justice Basic Firearms Safety Course and Section 12080 of the Penal Code.

(b) No publicly elected official shall be identified with or involved in the public service announcements. This provision does not preclude the Department of Justice from producing or being identified as the producer of the public service announcements.

(c) The department shall seek public service announcement airtime once the public service announcements have been produced. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Department of Justice from seeking funds to purchase airtime for the public service announcements.

SEC. 2. The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the

Department of Justice, on a one-time basis, for the purposes of this act.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to protect the public safety by ensuring that the public is informed regarding current firearms laws and safe firearms storage practices.

